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**Applicant** : **John Steven Cart**  
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**TITLE:** Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such Composition

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Examiner's Action (Paper No. 10) dated April 24, 2003 requiring that a response be mailed to the Office before the shortened statutory period for response to the action expires on July 24, 2003. A petition for extension of one month and the required fee are being transmitted with this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.